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1. PRINCE MANGKHALA FORMALLY REQUESTED THAT DR. KLIKS AND HIS TEAM REMAIN UNTIL JULY 26. WE BELIEVE THIS REQUEST SHOULD BE HONORED.

2. THE CHINESE TEAM OF THREE PHYSICIANS ARRIVED THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 18 AND ATTENDED THEIR FIRST FORMAL MEDICAL CONFERENCE IN THE EVENING. THE TEAM IS HEADED BY DR. FANG-CHI ASSISTED BY DRS. LIU LI-SHENG AND TAI YU-HUA, BOTH OF WHOM ARE FEMALE. THE CHINESE DOCTORS ALL SPEAK ENGLISH, WHICH PREVENTS FURTHER DIFFICULTIES IN COMMUNICATIONS AMONG THE VARIOUS DOCTORS. WITH
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SOUVANNA'S CONDITION REMAINING STABLE, THE MEETINGS

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ARE PROCEEDING MORE SMOOTHLY AND THERE APPEARS TO BE A HIGH DEGREE OF COOPERATION AND MUTUAL RESPECT AMONG THE CONSULTING PHYSICIANS.

3. AS THE INITIAL DANGER PERIOD PASSES, OTHER POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS REMAIN, AND IT WILL BE ANOTHER SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE A MORE DEFINITIVE PROGNOSIS CAN BE MADE. THE ATTENDING LAO PHYSICIANS, HOWEVER, ALREADY ARE CAUTIOUSLY SOUNDING OUT DR. KLIKS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF SOUVANNA TRAVELLING TO FRANCE TO CONVALESCE IN 4-6 WEEKS.

4. DR. KLIKS' MEDICAL ASSESSMENT FOLLOWS: THE PRIME MINISTER SPENT ANOTHER VERY STABLE DAY, THE SIXTH DAY POST MI. THE ELECTROCARDIOGRAM SHOWS SLIGHTLY LESS ST SEGMENT ELEVATION IN THE ANTERO-SEPTAL LEADS; HOWEVER, WAVEFORM IS UNCHANGED. MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, HIS TEMPERATURE HAS REMAINED ALMOST NORMAL ALL DAY (37.2 DEGREES CENTIGRADE) WITH CLEARING OF THE INFILTRATE AT THE LEFT BASE BY X-RAY (PORTABLE X-RAY NUMBER 4) AND THE WHITE BLOOD CELL COUNT IS 5500 WITH NORMAL DIFFERENTIAL. THE SPUTUM CULTURE HAS GROWN OUT PNEUMOCOCCI WHICH ARE RESISTANT BY DISC SENSITIVITIES TO TETRACYCLINE. BECAUSE OF THE CLINICAL IMPROVEMENT, HOWEVER, THE TETRACYCLINE WILL BE CONTINUE ANOTHER 48 HOURS. ALSO, IT WAS DECIDED TO LIBERALIZE THE ORAL FLUID AND SODIUM INTAKE TO 1500 CC'S AND 5 GRAMS RESPECTIVELY. ACTIVITY CONTINUES TO BE RESTRICTED TO BED REST WITH PASSIVE ACTIVITY TO THE EXTREMETIES BEING APPLIED FREQUENTLY. WHITEHOUSE

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